IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.K.DENESAN

WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2007 / 18TH MAGHA 1928

WP(C).No. 27949 of 2006(B)

PETITIONER:

SALOMY THOMAS, AGRICULTURAL OFFICER,
KRISHI BHAVAN, KANAKKARI, KOTTAYAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.GEORGE POONTHOTTAM

RESPONDENTS:

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1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

2. THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY GOVT.PLEADER SRI.BIJOY CHANDRAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 07/02/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

K.K.DENESAN, J

W.P.(C)NO. 27949 of 2006

Dated this the 7th day of February, 2007

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is working as Agricultural Officer presently in the Krishi Bhavan Kanakkari, Kottayam district. He was placed under suspension along with some other officers based on the report received about certain irregularities happened during 1997-1998. Ext.P1 order of suspension was passed on 12.10.1998. Subsequently, he was reinstated in service. The petitioner has no idea as to what has happened to the disciplinary action mentioned in Ext.P1 order of suspension. Now more than 8 years have elapsed since the order placing the petitioner under suspension has been passed. The petitioner feels aggrieved by the delay in taking final decision. The period of suspension has not been regularised. It is in the above circumstances she has approached this Court.

2. Government Pleader, on instructions, submits that the

proceedings contemplated in Ext.P1 will be completed within a period of six months. The above statement is recorded. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the period of six months is too large in the facts and circumstances. Prima facie, it appears to be so. However, since the respondents have stated that final orders will be passed within a maximum period of six months, I do not want to cut short the period so that the respondents need not approach this Court for extension of time. The writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to expedite action, if any, pending and to see that the disciplinary proceedings are finalised within six months from today.

The petitioner shall produce a copy of the judgment before the first respondent for information and compliance.

K.K.DENESAN, JUDGE

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